

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Celebrating 60 years of marriage is an event and testimony to love and family; and Richard Jensen and Phyllis Bishop began this journey on a snowy May 28th in 1947, and through devotion and dedication to their love and commitment, these high school sweethearts shared life's beauty, joys and sorrows and now cherish an even deeper love; and,

Whereas, Richard and Phyllis maintained and prospered on the Urbandale Farm on the edge of Hurley, South Dakota, and added to community life by their involvement and concern for their hometown; and,

Whereas, Richard and Phyllis were blessed with five children and spent untold hours at school events, concerts, 4-H meetings, county fairs and on the shores of Swan Lake while entertaining the community with exploits of pets and a band of free roaming piglets, extraordinary homemade root beer, fireworks, illicit hay forts and miscellaneous lunacy; and,

Whereas, Phyllis gave unselfishly of herself by teaching in rural Turner County schools, served as city librarian, worthy Matron of the Eastern Star and held other offices as a member of the Hurley Historical Society where she co-authored the *Centennial History of Hurley*, directed the Methodist Church Choir, organized Christmas pageants and the church history for the 100th Anniversary of the church and has sang for numerous special events; and,

Whereas, Richard farmed, sold farm insurance, served on the Hurley School Board, worked in several local businesses and always offered a helping hand to others, making time for his own children, neighborhood children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He has been an active and dedicated member of the Methodist Church, the Gideons International, Masonic Lodge, El Riad Shrine and the American Legion where he served as a member of the Color Guard and was awarded the 1996 American Legion Member of the Year by his local chapter and the region; and,

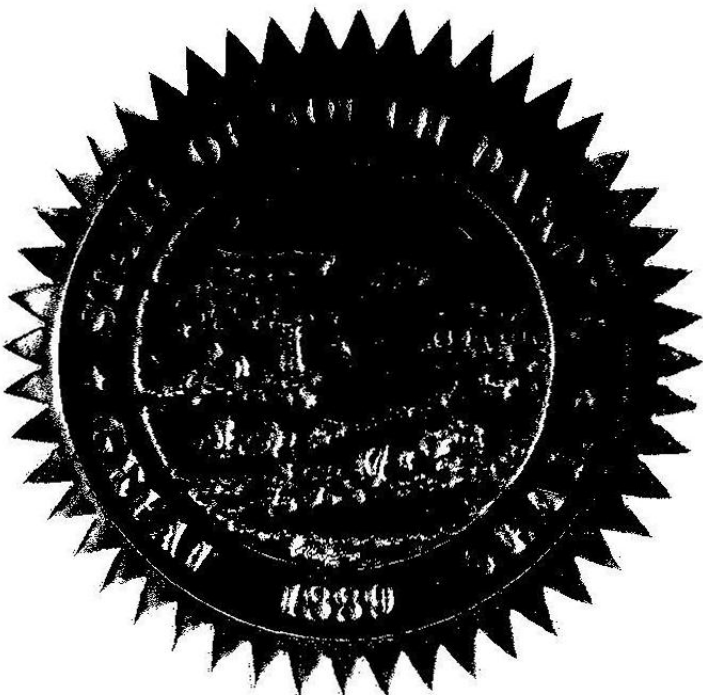
Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Richard and Phyllis have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 28, 2007, as

RICHARD AND PHYLLIS JENSEN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State